

Ngankikurungkurr

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1 Language Information

- Source: Hoddinott and Kofod (1988)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nang1259>
- ISO-identifier: nam
- Speakers:
- Location: Australia
- Geneology: Southern Daly > Nangikurungkurr

2 Nominal Morphology

There is a pluraliser *purppurrk* 'number of small objects' that indicates plurality. Dual and plural number can be expressed by the third person pronouns *wirrki* (dual) and *wirr* (plural).

3 Verbal Morphology

There are singular and non-singular suffixes. Duality is marked by an additional dual marker to the non-singular suffix.

4 Conjunction

Coordination can be expressed by juxtaposition of NPs or clauses, or by the conjunctive particle *yi* 'and'. There is another coordinator *epe* 'but' as well.

- (1) Wa-weti wa wukume yi aba nem wadde tye wakerre
C(i)-little C(i) one and brother 3SG.M.PN 3NS.PERF-go-PAST PAST C(i)-big
funkuli-ngini.
honey-PURP
'A little boy and his big brother went for honey.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 215]

- (2) Kagu aningam angani ngerrbe dada nganni
 GEN-mean C(iv)-that-one C(iv)-goose 1NS-AUX-PAST shoot AUX-1NS-go
 geri puy wadat wamangkal.
 along-PAST-walk CONT flying.fox wallaby
 'We went along shooting geese, and (also) flying foxes and wallabies.' [Hod-
 dinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 215]
- (3) Wuruni guniguni dem mentyi-fityi malarrgu yi
 C(ii)DEM old-woman 3SG-PERF-AUX-PRES neck-wring turtle and
 yengki-nide yenim misyin-kulli.
 fire-LOC 3SG-PERF-go-PRES oven-throw
 'That old woman wrung the turtle's neck and threw it on the fire.' [Hoddinott
 and Kofod, 1988, p. 215]
- (4) Ya ngi fime pagu warragadi yi nyinyi
 2SG-AUX-FUT 1SG-DO CAUSATIVE-hand(give) TSA bag and 2SG-PN
 kana yani pap ngini.
 PUNCTILIAR 2SG-go-FUT climb FUT
 'Give me the bag and then you can climb over.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988,
 p. 215]
- (5) Fil mem muy falmi gerrtyem yi dagani wirr
 light 3SG-say-PRES eye woman 3NS-IMP-lie-PRES and 3SG-AUX-PAST 3PL.O
 pigat tye yedi.
 sneak-up PAST AUX-3SG-go-PAST
 'He noticed the women lying down and he sneaked up on them.' [Hoddinott
 and Kofod, 1988, p. 216]
- (6) Ngupun gat anginakul kultyinimbi yi nem deti.
 1SG-AUX-PRES catch C(iv)-fish yesterday and 3SG-M-PN also
 'I caught a fish and so did he.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 216]
- (7) Kagu bakuty dangim pawal kagu minta tye
 GEN-meat many 3SG-PERF-AUX-PAST pierce GEN-meat NEG PAST
 ya pawal.
 2SG-AUX-FUT pierce
 'He spread many animals but you did not.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 216]
- (8) Ngagarri ngadde tye Darwin-pefi, minta tye
 1PL-EX-PN 1NS-EX-go-PAST-D PAST Darwin-ALL NEG PAST
 nginyere ngirrki muy tye.
 1NS-EX-see-REFL-FUT 1D-EX-O self PAST
 'We both went to Darwin (at the same time) but did not see each other.' [Hod-
 dinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 216]

- (9) Miyi nyin ngerrem du epe minta tye derrigirri
 GEN-food DEM 1NS-EX-AUX-PRES taste but NEG PAST like
 ngerrmi.
 1NS-EX-AUX-FUT
 'We tasted the food but we didn't like it.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 216]
- (10) Ngirrim mene minta ngerrbi derridu tye
 1NS-EX-sit-PRES ATTEMPTED ACTION NEG 1NS-EX-AUX-FUT find PAST
 mumba epe watyerrmusye-ningki dangirr du
 path but C(i).old-woman-AGE 3SG-PERF-AUX-PRES-1PL-EX-O show
 mumba.
 path
 'We thought we couldn't find the way but an old woman showed us the path.'
 [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 217]
- (11) Ngagurr ngannigi leli apirri-kirri epe minmi kana.
 1PL-EX-PN 1NS-EX-go-along-PAST walk before-INTENS but no PUNCTILIAR
 'We needed to walk there before but not now.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 217]
- (12) Malarrgu nginni lalirr tye epe kagu-kirri aminguri.
 tutle 1NS-EX-sit-PAST eat PAST but GEN-meat-INTENS bony
 'We ate the turtle but it was very bony.' [Hoddinott and Kofod, 1988, p. 217]

5 Disjunction

No information given.

6 Postpositions

1. *ningki* agentive/instrumental
2. *ngini* dative/purposive
3. *nide* locational
4. *pefi* allative away from speaker/action
5. *pagu* indicating movement towards speaker/action (TSA)
6. *nimbi* ablative
7. *werri* proprietive
8. *napa* limitative

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